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Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-69) DATE: 11/23/63

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

At 7:10 p.m., 11/22/63, I called SAC SHANKLIN at Dallas in order to determine if he could supply information that might make it unnecessary to determine the whereabouts of all Klan members, etc. and to determine if sufficient information was then available to definitely tie OSWALD into the assassination of the President.

SHANKLIN stated he felt OSWALD was probably a good suspect but they have been unable to develop information connecting the rifle with OSWALD. He said anything New Orleans could do in this regard would be very helpful and suggested we interview persons in the area where OSWALD resided in New Orleans to determine if anyone had ever seen OSWALD with a rifle.

In this connection, SHANKLIN stated Dallas has interviewed OSWALD's wife, who states OSWALD had a rifle while in Russia and that she saw OSWALD with a rifle about two weeks ago. SHANKLIN stated OSWALD's wife has not been residing with OSWALD in th recent past.

SHANKLIN stated the only information he had available immediately concerning the rifle in question is that it is a 6.5 millimeter Italian make and that it has no brand name. He said this weapon is a bolt action gun, bears SN C2766 and is equipped with a telescopic sight bearing the name Ordnance Optical Inc., Holly, Calif. and the notation "made in Japan".

SHANKLIN advised one smudge had been located on the rifle but he did not feel optimistic in regard to the possibilities of this smudge.

SAs KAACK and deBRUEYS were instructed to reinterview Mrs. JESSIE JAMES GARNER, 4911 Magazine St., and to thereafter

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prepare an appropriate teletype to Dallas and the Bureau.

It is noted that the above interview was conducted and a teletype was sent to Dallas on the night of 11/22/63.